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<p>.....Dr. Tibor ECKARDT has been entrusted with military affairs. He is a former diplomat who is in contact with key persons in the American Department of Defense as well as with Hungarian military groups and political emigres in Europe, among whom the Hungarian Veterans Association forms the absolute majority. This organization has 14,000 members of which two-thirds are in Europe and the other third abroad. The head of this association, whose Hungarian initials are MHBK, is General Andras ZAKO who has taken the place of General Staff Colonel, Lajos NADAS. This Association not only takes care of training of soldiers, NCO'S and officers, but also concerns itself with and gives aid to Hungarian refugees interned in camps.</p> <p>This group would constitute in case of conflict the nucleus of the new Hungarian army. ECKARDT and ZAKO work together in absolute understanding. According to private and confidential information, ZAKO has met in the Autumn of 1949 with several military personalities of the West in order to draw up a plan of common collaboration.</p> <p>The Hungarian National Committee in December 1949 assembled the Executive in order to place by the side of ECKARDT, the head of the Small holders Party, LAJOS, at present member of the Christian Party who in Europe administers military affairs and part of the political affairs together with ZAKO. ZAKO and NADAS for some time have been wanting to come to Italy to negotiate with members of the Hungarian political emigres and to utilize the occasion to talk with Italian military leaders including, General MARRAS, and to discuss with competent Italian authorities the questions which already were reported in May 1949.</p>				
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